



## Quick Facts

- Employment: 1,110 people
- Acres managed: 1.3 million
- The Fiscal Year 2006 Budget for Regional Service activities totaled \$83 million
- More than 7.7 million people visited Refuges throughout Region 3 to hunt, fish, participate in interpretive programs, and view wildlife
- More than 150,000 school children participated in Service educational programs

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# Midwest Regional Highlights

*Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin*

## Highlights of Midwest Region activities in 2006 include:

Midwest Region staff have been actively involved in preparing fish and wildlife restoration strategies for eight issue-area teams chartered under the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Framework.

The final Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge has been completed, incorporating a wildlife and integrated public use focus that will guide refuge management for the next 15 years. There was a high level of public participation in developing this plan.

On June 22, two whooping crane chicks hatched at the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge in Wisconsin, the first time in over 100 years that a whooping crane has hatched in the wild in the Midwest.

In September, the Service will dedicate the M/V *Baird*, a trout-stocking vessel that will be used to continue the successful off-shore lake trout stocking program that has brought native lake trout back from population lows.

## Regional Programs and Offices

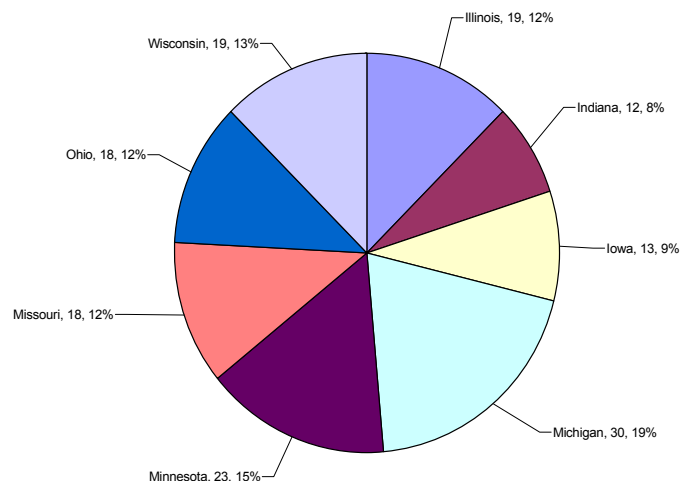
56 National Wildlife Refuges  
12 Wetland Management Districts  
More than 300,000 acres in waterfowl production areas  
6 National Fish Hatcheries  
6 Fishery Resources Offices  
2 Sea Lamprey Control Stations  
8 Private Lands Offices  
9 Ecological Services offices  
18 Law Enforcement offices



## Federal Assistance Program

In Fiscal Year 2006, the region's Federal Assistance Office managed \$152 million to help strengthen sport fish and wildlife restoration programs throughout the eight-state region.

## Midwest Region Federal Assistance Funds Available in FY 2006 by State (in millions)





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# Midwest Regional Offices

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